

REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed on **6 June 2005**, the Examiner reviewed claims 1-4, 6-11, 13-18, and 20-24. Claims 1-4, 7-11, 14-18, and 21-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gosling (USPN 5,668,999, hereinafter “Gosling”) in view of Jagannathan et al. (USPN 6,496,871, hereinafter, “Jagannathan”). Claims 6, 13, and 20 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Independent claims 1, 8, and 15 were rejected as being unpatentable over Gosling in view of Jagannathan.


Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 8, and 15 to include allowable limitations from claims 6, 13, and 20, respectively. Dependent claims 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, and 20 have been canceled without prejudice.

Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 8, and 15 as presently amended are in condition for allowance. Applicant also submits that claims 2, 3, 7, and 22, which depend upon claim 1, claims 9, 10, 14, and 23, which depend upon claim 8, and claims 16, 17, 21, and 24, which depend upon claim 15, are for the same reasons in condition for allowance and for reasons of the unique combinations recited in such claims.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the present application is presently in form for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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